

REDWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES - Ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday, 2nd August 2022 at Redwick Village Hall.

Clerk: Nicola Sutherland RedwickCC@outlook.com 01633 401106

19:00 Protium gave a short presentation re the proposed hydrogen power plant to the Community Council and members of the public. It is expected that community consultations will take place during September in Magor. It was also agreed that any information sent out to households about the proposal would also be sent to households in Redwick.

The full meeting started at 19:30

Councillors Present:

Kath James – Chair
Elwyn Jarrett
Rhys Waters
Jon Williams

Member of the public – Mr Lloyd

Nicola Sutherland – Clerk

1. The Chair opened the meeting and thanked all for being present. The two new Councillors, Jon Williams and Rhys Waters were introduced and welcomed.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mair Duthie.
2. Cllrs James and Williams declared an interest in item 7, Rush Wall Solar Park.
3. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on Thursday, 12th May 2022. The minutes of the previous meetings held on Thursday, 12th May 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by Cllr Jarrett and seconded by Cllr James.
4. Public Participation (15 minutes)
To receive any questions or addresses to the Council from members of the public, with seven days prior notice having been given of any questions, issues or concerns.
 - The parking issues on Bryn Road when the running club meet in the village were discussed. It was agreed to write to Chepstow Harriers about this issue. It is understood that the runners should be parking in an agreed field.
 - The Clerk updated councillors on items reported to NCC that had been requested by Jim Ballard. These were: the damaged road arches at, the chevron warning signs on the junction of Longlands Lane and North

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Road and a request to remark the road markings on North Road junction with Green St and South Road junction with Green St.

- The Clerk also agreed to re-report the poor state of the road surface near to Tonew Kennels.
- It was noted that the bridges on the footpath have now been replaced.

5. There were no matters arising.

6. **Correspondence Received**

- Request to support the Mayor's charity - It was decided that RCC were unable to donate to the Mayor's charity at this time
- The Finance and Governance Toolkit from OVW was received. The clerk is to review this information.
- PDEW invitation to Rush Wall Solar Park application hearings – see item 7.
- Thank you letter from the Samaritans for the recent donation made by Redwick CC.
- Legislation and Code of Conduct information update from OVW was received. The clerk confirmed that the following items were required:
 - An annual report
 - A training plan
 - A multi-location meeting statement

6. **Village Issues:**

- Jubilee commemoration – tree planting.
James Pinder has kindly offered two trees for planting in the village. Lynette Jones has also offered an oak tree for planting on Prince Charles Patch. The Community Council will ask James Pinder and Cllr Duthie to look at the oak as a first choice to see if it can be safely transplanted.

The purchase of saplings was considered and agreed. Clerk to send an email to ask if any villager would like a sapling as part of this initiative. It was noted that November is the best time for the planting of saplings.

- It was agreed to invite an NCC planning representative to meet with RCC to discuss planning concerns. Clerk to action.
- Villagers are concerned that there are no plans to bring fibre any further in to the village for broadband delivery. Community Council to write to BT to find out what the plans are for Redwick as reliability for current service is poor. Cllr Jarrett to draft the letter, clerk to action.

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- Safety fence in front of Great House. This is an ongoing issue. Clerk to write an advisory note to the authority to ask who would be liable if someone was injured at this place. Cllr Jarrett to send clerk photos of location for inclusion.

7. **Planning Applications:**

- The Haven. It was noted that the appeal for this planning application had been submitted.
- Rush Wall Solar Park application – PEDW hearing sessions. Cllrs James and Williams left the room for the duration of this item.
 - It was confirmed that Cllr Jarrett would be the representative attending the hearing.
 - It was agreed to send a note out to residents about the new consultations and to ask them for any further thoughts about this planned development.
 - The list of responses re the possible community benefit offer was reviewed. It was agreed that there were lots of good suggestions. The responses received were:
 - Repairs to the Pound
 - Repairs to the church
 - Update the play area
 - A community bus service
 - A short mat bowls set for use in the village hall
 - Purchase of the field (that is currently used for parking) for community use

Planning Application Updates:

- 22/0166 North Court Farm Awaiting decision
- 22/0148 3 The Willows Awaiting decision

8. **Finance:**

- i. Bank Balances.
The bank balances were received.

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Bus Bank Account		3979.49
Treasurer's Account		
Opening Balance 20.05.22:	£	28,588.62
Cheques going out	£	11.40
community fund	£	1,785.00
	£	120.00
	£	50.00
Payments	£	-
Cheques not yet showing on bank statement:	£	230.00
Balance of Treasurer's Account 01.06.22	£	26,392.22
Community Fu	£	22,135.85
RCC Funds	£	4,256.37

- ii. It was noted that the new signatories have been accepted by the bank. Cllr James and Jarrett are now signatories.
- iii. The following payments were confirmed:
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| Ross Price (mowing) | £300.00 |
| Clerk Salary | £489.10 |
| HMRC | £ 1.60 |
- Total: £790.70**
- iv. Allotment Wardens Account:
Current balance - £1523.86
- It was confirmed that Quinton's Patch is north of Mead Lane. An invoice has been sent for the three years of outstanding rent.
 - Clerk to find more detail re this patch of land.
- v. Community Fund
- The new bank account request was submitted in March 22. We are still waiting for this to be opened.
 - Jubilee celebration. It was confirmed that there is £1139.50 remaining in this fund. The purchase of trees/saplings was agreed (see item 6). The money to remain in the Hall Committee account until all purchases completed. Any money remaining will then be returned to the Community Fund.
 - No new requests for the Community fund have been received.

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9. Items for Information

It was unanimously agreed to purchase vouchers for a meal at the Rose for both Jim Ballard and Steve Woodward and their wives to recognise the many years of service that they both gave to the village of Redwick in their time as Community Councillors. Cllr James to action.

10. Date of Next Meeting was agreed as either 20th or 22nd September 2022 at 19:00, in accordance with hall availability. Date to be confirmed.